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Notice to Mariners – Project Scheduled at Wallops May 14 – 20

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility will support the Department of Defense in the firing of test projectiles and the launching of target drones from Wallops Island over the Atlantic Ocean May 14 – 20, 2003.

NASA has published on the Boaters Launch Information page on the Wallops web site at www.wff.nasa.gov the area in the Atlantic Ocean that poses a danger to mariners during the project. Boaters are asked to remain clear of this area during the firings.

The projects are scheduled for 1 to 6 p.m., May 14 and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 15, 16,19 and 20. The backup days are May 21 through 23. There are no launch activities on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18.

An orange blimp at 400 feet altitude over Wallops Island beginning at 30 minutes before the firings. The blimp will be lowered when the project is completed and the danger to mariners no longer exists. In addition, boaters may tune to Marine Channel 12, "Wallops Plot," to monitor the operations.

Completion of the project will be noted on the boaters launch Information page on the Wallops web site as well as the Wallops launch status line at 757-824-2050.

Thank you for your assistance and support.